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Mr. /Madam Co- Chair, representatives of States & Indigenous delegates

I am Pratima Gurung, representing Indigenous Persons with Disabilities Global Network and Nepal Indigenous Disabled Association.

We pay respect to all the elders and all indigenous delegates attending the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples this year and welcome the opportunity to contribute to the discussion of World Conference on Indigenous Peoples

As a representative of Nepal Indigenous Disabled Association, in relation to the theme of "UN System Actions to Implementation the rights of IPs", welcomes the effort that UN system has incorporated indigenous peoples issues up in the international edifice for the recognition, protection and promotion of human rights since 1970s. In this regard, indigenous peoples have gained increasing acceptance of their primary concern, the right to preserve their identity, culture and quest for autonomy in most places however in the developing world it still remains a challenge, its scope exist as a controversial matter and its issue persist as a political agenda where number of government and peoples feel reluctant to accept. The international treaties and conventions which the state has ratified still waits for implementation process where the UN System and mechanism can function as a role of catalyst in between state and the right holders to ensure their rights equally, respect their distinct identities and recognize their

diversities. In this light, the diversities of indigenous peoples like women, children and persons with disabilities need to be brought into consideration as their situation is more critical and sensitive.

Therefore we would like to focus on the Outcome Document of the High Level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (WCIP) particularly paragraphs 4, 5, 28,29,30,31, 32, 33, 38, and 40 which explores the rights of indigenous peoples and avenues for a more focused engagement on indigenous peoples' issues within the UN system because foremost it is the states as well UN system/agencies to seek indigenous peoples' free agreement and duty to consult and cooperate with them if human rights are to be provided to all in equitable manner.

So we recommend the United Nations system and its actions to bring these suggestions into effective implementation through practice.

- 1) Request the UN system and its mechanism to respond the issues on indigenous peoples in an adequate manner and develop "improving human rights protection mechanism" to address the ground violation of human rights.
- 3) Conduct national level data and information, reliable indicator to analyze the overall situation of indigenous peoples and its diversities to prioritize their needs and programs in policies by UN agencies and state.
- 4) Recognize the adoption of international instrument policies and strategies on Indigenous Peoples by several UN agencies and recommend international financial institutions and bilateral and multilateral development agencies to have deep comprehensive consultation with the state as well and indigenous peoples organization maintaining accountability for effective implementation and engagement.
- 5) Introduce emerging policies and strategies as a mandatory provision to the states and its agencies to prevent discriminatory structural existing laws towards indigenous peoples from developing countries and start negotiation with the states to implement international instruments.
- 6) Ensure UN Declaration for the rights of indigenous peoples for the state as a foundational document to build a new relationship of equality, humanity and prosperity.
- 7) Enhance UN existing system to establish mechanisms to strengthen the vulnerable groups like indigenous women, persons with disabilities and children participation in governance and advisory bodies of the UN. It should include agencies, programmes and funds, and other international organizations providing funds or undertaking programmes and projects affecting indigenous peoples as a whole.
- 8) Divide and increase time and resources within the existing UN system, the secretariats of the PFII and the EMRIP work within the existing bureaucracy of OHCHR and UN-DESA, where the relevant high-level officials have time for the full engagement for promoting the rights of Indigenous Peoples and its diversities.

- 9) Enhance and strong relationship among PFII, EMRIP and SI to recommend and monitor , special procedure, treaty bodies, Un departments, organizations, funds and specialized agencies to protect and promote the rights of indigenous people and its diversities to ensure their rights as a human rights in practice in the undg guidelines, SDG and in Post 2015 development agenda.
- 10) Last but not the least, I would strongly recommend to give special attention to the indigenous persons with disabilities if UN agencies efforts are to be successfully achieved and take into account aforementioned recommendation vis a vis complying the outcome document of the WCIP.

Thank you.